

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commission  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: August 16, 2023  
RE: Presentation of Life Saving Pin – Sergeant Tom Francisco and Deputy Tom Brown

For the Agenda of August 21, 2023

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Background. On Sunday, July 9, 2023, Clare County Sheriff Deputy Tom Brown notified Clare City Officer Sgt. Tom Francisco of a missing person complaint in Clare County. A bicyclist from the State of California was reported missing since July 5, 2023. The last known location of the individual was at the Best Western in Clare, four days prior. Deputy Brown conducted an investigation with the assistance of the missing person's family member. The missing person's cell phone gave a last ping location on July 7, 2023, near the rail trail on East 2nd Street.

Deputy Brown and Sgt. Francisco began searching the area on foot checking for any signs of the missing cyclist. Deputy Brown and Sgt. Francisco located a very small opening in the shrubs heading off the paved bike trail of the Pere Marquette Rail Trail. When Officers looked through the small opening, the missing cyclist was located approximately 15ft off the trail and 8ft down an embankment.

The cyclist was given aid by the officers on the scene until MMR could arrive. Once MMR arrived on the scene, the cyclist was removed, with the assistance of the Clare Fire Department using a stokes basket, and the cyclist was taken to Clare ER for treatment. The patient was later transferred to Midland Hospital for more intensive care.

The cyclist had been down that embankment for four days without food or water and was in poor medical condition. The cyclist would have certainly passed away had it not been for the extra effort of the officers to go out on foot and search the area.

This act of going the extra mile shows Deputy Brown and Sgt. Francisco's passion for the job and duty to protect and serve the public of the City of Clare / Clare County along with individuals traveling through our beloved community.

Deputy Brown has been with the Clare County Sheriff's Department serving Clare County since 2009 and Sgt. Francisco has been a member of the Clare Police Department since 2013 and serving Clare County since 2007. Both Deputy Brown and Sgt Francisco have proven time and time again that they are a great asset to Clare County and the City of Clare.

The City Commission is asked to publicly honor Sgt. Francisco and Deputy Brown's professionalism, courage, and life-saving performance of duty by the Mayoral presentation of life-saving pins.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission publicly honor Sgt. Francisco and Deputy Brown's professionalism, courage, and life-saving performance of duty by the presentation of life-saving pins?

Alternatives.

1. Mayor Pat publicly recognizes Sgt. Francisco and Deputy Brown by the presentation of the lifesaving award on behalf of the City Commission.
2. Do not recognize Sgt. Francisco and Deputy Brown.
3. Set the matter aside for decision at a future meeting.

Financial Impact. Minimal – the cost of life-saving pins.

Recommendation. I recommend that Mayor Pat Humphrey present Sgt. Francisco and Deputy Brown with life-saving pins on behalf of the Clare City Commission and the Clare Community.

Attachments. None.